S0195 Planned Parenthood Association Of St. Louis (1932- ),
Records, 1930-1975
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S0449 Reproductive Health Services, Incorporated, Records, 1971-1983

NOTE: The Smith College Library's Sophia Smith collection in Northampton, Massachusetts holds the Planned Parenthood Federation of America records and Margaret Sanger's papers.

The Planned Parenthood Association of St. Louis (PPA/St. Louis) donated its records to the Western Historical Manuscript Collection, University of Missouri- St. Louis on September 18, 1984.

Inspired by Margaret Sanger, founder of the American birth control movement, the Maternal Health Association of Missouri (MHA) held its first Board of Directors meeting on April 10, 1932. The MHA worked to educate the public on the medical, social, economic and ethical importance of birth control. It provided clinical and other services for birth control prescriptions and treatment, and promised to cooperate with Sanger's American Birth Control League. MHA's first clinic opened in August, 1933.

In 1937, Catholic doctors in the St. Louis Gynecological Society opposed MHA's "reference bureau" for "contraceptive advice" and its practice of referring indigent patients to private physicians sympathetic to birth control. MHA agreed to stop the referral of patients. The organization faced another crisis in 1941, when United States Postal authorities in St. Louis halted the mailing of contraceptive prescriptions to MHA clients. After six weeks, the federal government ruled that such mailings were legal.

MHA became PPA/Missouri on January 19, 1943. Both nationally and locally, the birth control movement sought to expand its scope from maternal health care to the strengthening of the family.

During World War II, PPA's patient load dropped dramatically, due to the drafting of
thousands of young men. In 1945, it faced another challenge as the Knights of Columbus attempted to have PPA removed from the St. Louis Chamber of Commerce list of recognized charities. PPA counter-attacked with a quiet campaign among Chamber members. After a hearing before the Chamber's Charities Committee, PPA kept its endorsement.

The controversies continued during the rest of the decade. In 1947, the St. Louis Board of Aldermen did not renew PPA's clinic license, which was unusual because the license had been renewed without question each year since the beginning. PPA closed its clinics and began a massive effort to gain public support. Other social agencies and prominent St. Louisans supported PPA, writing letters to the newspapers and talking to the aldermen. After 10 days, PPA's license was renewed.

The St. Louis Social Planning Council admitted PPA as a member agency in 1950. At the time, few other PPA affiliates were so recognized; locally PPA gained greater stature and wider community support. In 1963, PPA backed the formation of a Citizens' Committee to expand family planning services into the public health sector. Physicians, clergy and the Human Development Corporation backed its efforts. Public Health clinics opened in St. Louis in 1966 with the founding of the St. Louis Area Council for Voluntary Family Planning, Inc.

MHA originally limited its services to indigent, married, white mothers. Later it extended its services to all married white women. In the late 1930s, MHA began efforts to reach the black community in talks with the Urban League and Afro-American church groups. In 1960 PPA began to serve all unmarried mothers and now serves all women regardless of marital, financial, racial or motherhood status. By the mid-1970s, PPA/St. Louis had a full-time staff of 13 serving about 11,000 clients.

SCOPE AND CONTENT


PPA faced strong opposition, especially from the Roman Catholic Church, the Knights of Columbus, and Catholic officials in St. Louis government. The records contain evidence of their attempts to limit PPA's activities. The Administration series documents PPA's struggles to organize and expand its affiliation with the national Planned Parenthood Federation, its ties to other social agencies, fees and the processing of patients. There are references to racial integration in St. Louis and within Planned Parenthood itself, the state-wide organization of PPA and qualifications for staff members.

PPA/St. Louis kept itself current on national and international developments in birth control. The Birth Control series contains material on sterilization; birth control devices; child spacing; psychiatry; moral and social aspects of birth control; oppositions; public health; attitudes of physicians; statistics on the number of abortions in the United States; abortion
SERIES DESCRIPTION

SERIES 1 - ADMINISTRATION, 1930-1975, FOLDERS 1-47

The Administration series includes correspondence, statements of aims and policies, annual reports of the Maternal Health Association of Missouri, minutes of MHA Board of Directors and Executive Committee, minutes of Planned Parenthood Association of St. Louis Board of Directors and Executive Committee, correspondence of PPA/St. Louis Medical Advisory and Citizens' Advisory Committees, legal correspondence and opinions, newsletters, pamphlets and invitations, clinic procedures, St. Louis County PPA correspondence, minutes, and reports. Principal correspondents include Margaret Sanger, founder of the American birth control movement; Mrs. Helen Buss, executive secretary, PPA/St. Louis; Mrs. Arthur Stockstrom, president, PPA/St. Louis; Mrs. Marjorie Davis, executive director, PPA/St. Louis (1947-1965); James A. Singer, attorney for MHA/St. Louis and Dr. Robert J. Crossen, member, Board of directors, MHA/St. Louis.

SERIES 2 - NATIONAL FEDERATIONS, 1930S-1960S, FOLDERS 48-54

The National Federations series includes statistics, reports, memos, resolutions, services and objectives of the Birth Control Federation of America, American Birth Control League, Birth Control Clinical Research Bureau, and Planned Parenthood Federation of America.

SERIES 3 - BIRTH CONTROL, 1930-1975, FOLDERS 55-61

The Birth Control series includes reports, pamphlets, booklets and statements.

SERIES 4 - WORLD POPULATION, 1937-1971, FOLDERS 69-76

The World Population series includes reports, pamphlets, booklets, speeches and surveys on overpopulation and foreign aid.

SERIES 5 - EDUCATION, 1938-1971, FOLDERS 77-82

The Education series includes material on PPA’s attempts to educate the public on such topics as pre-marital and marital sex, as well as surveys and plans on the St. Louis and Chicago metropolitan areas and relationships with industry.

SERIES 6 - BIRTH CONTROL REVIEW, 1923-1936, FOLDERS 83-89

The Birth Control Review series contains the monthly magazine published by the American
Birth Control League. Indexes appear for each year. Arranged chronologically.

**SERIES 7 - POPULATION BULLETIN, 1947-1965, FOLDERS 90-95**


**SERIES 8 - PHOTOGRAPHS AND TAPE RECORDINGS, 1930s-1960s, FOLDERS 96-97**

The Photographs and Tape Recordings series includes pictures of PPA/St. Louis billboards; office and clinic exteriors and interiors; guests and staff members including Senator Joseph Tydings (D-Md.), Reverend Joseph Swift, Eve Horner, John Robbins, Adelyn Marshall, Joyce Wasson, Jeanette McGrew, Anne Cox, Sam Landfather, Jane Runyon, Laurence Roos, Robert Sunnen, Sandra Kirkbride and several photos of Margaret Sanger. The tapes are of a January 20, 1969 KMOX radio broadcast of "At Your Service" featuring Mrs. Dorothy Lynes, executive director of PPA/St. Louis and Reverend Joseph Swift, Chaplain of St. Luke's Hospital. Mrs. Lynes outlined the history of PPA/St. Louis and offered its services to the people of St. Louis. An open-line segment included questions from callers. The second tape has an undated radio editorial entitled "The Thing Without a Name." Series also contains a script for a film series, *Breaking The Vicious Circle with Planned Parenthood*.

**SERIES 9 - SCRAPBOOKS, 1931-1972, VOLUMES 1-12**

The Scrapbooks series includes newsclippings, pamphlets and annual reports. Arranged chronologically. **NOTE:** Volume 12, originally filmed as "Series 6, Scrapbook", appears on the last microfilm roll.

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